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HOUSE RESOLUTION 209  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the Houston High School Mock Trial Team for its outstanding achievements.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding group of students in the Houston High School Mock Trial Team, whose members distinguished themselves by winning the 1998 Tennessee High School Mock Trial Championship in Nashville on March 27; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent preparation, steady composure during trial competition, and untiring commitment of time and talent, the Houston High School Mock Trial Team has achieved extraordinary success, and has joined the ranks of elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, the team made history by beating Clinton High School, winner for the past two years and one of the country's top-ranked high school mock trial teams, and by being the first Shelby County school to claim the state championship in a decade since 1988 when Central High School won the competition; and

WHEREAS, the competition, sponsored by the Tennessee Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, required all the teams to stage a mock trial in which an 18-year-old who had been drinking alcohol at a restaurant was charged with vehicular homicide; and

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WHEREAS, team members include Jena Balton, Matt Brickell, Shanelle Diaz, Jennifer Keirce, Justin Pohlmann, Doug Sadler, Kim Thomas, along with local attorney, Nicole Graziano, who coached the team; and

WHEREAS, the team's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for the future success of its members, and is a source of pride for their families, their school, and their community; and

WHEREAS, their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor the members, sponsor and coaches of the Houston High School Mock Trial Team on their impressive academic achievement, and extend to them our best wishes for a happy, and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.